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NEWS.

DR. GEORG KARSTEN, privatdocent in the University of Kiel, has been promoted to an associate professorship.

DR. GEORG KLEBS, professor of botany and director of the botanic gardens at the University of Basel, has been appointed to the same position in the University of Halle.

DR. HENRY C. COWLES, in charge of plant ecology at the University of Chicago, has had a field class of twelve at work for six weeks on North Manitou island, Lake Michigan.

THE FIRST number of the new volume of the *Minnesota Botanical Studies* appears in a new dress of very handsome type. This makes it one of the best printed of botanical publications.

MR. A. A. HELLER has resigned his position at the University of Minnesota, to give all his time to collecting. Correspondence in reference to the Exchange Bureau should be directed to Professor Conway Macmillan.

THE DEATH is announced of Dr. Anton Kerner, Ritter von Marilaun, professor of systematic botany and director of the botanical gardens and museum of the University of Vienna. He is best known as the author of *Pflanzenleben*, of which a second edition is now in course of publication. The first edition was recently translated into English and published as *The Natural History of Plants*.

PROFESSOR FERDINAND COHN, director of the institute for plant physiology of the University of Breslau, died on June 25 of heart disease, at the age of 70. He has been professor of botany at Breslau for almost forty years. His series of popular lectures, issued under the title *Die Pflanze*, went through several editions and were models of accurate and elegant presentation. He was editor of the series of monographs entitled *Beiträge zur Biologie der Pflanzen*, which came to a close a few years ago.

PROFESSOR DR. SIMON SCHWENDENER, director of the botanical institute of the University of Berlin, has been made a knight of the order *Pour le merite*, in the class of science and art. This order was founded by Frederick the Great, as a mark of distinction for military service, but the statutes were revised in 1842 by Frederick William IV to include scientific men and artists of distinction. The latter class is limited to thirty Germans and the same number of foreigners. The order is practically conferred by vote of the members. Schwendener is the only botanist thus honored.

DR. E. LEWIS STURTEVANT died at his home in Framingham, Mass., on the 30th of July, at the age of 56. While not a professional botanist, he was a special student of plant variation under cultivation, and was thoroughly informed of the bearing of botany upon agriculture. He accumulated one of the finest collections of prelinnean books in existence, and donated this, a few years ago, together with his notes on the genus *Capsicum*, to the Missouri Botanical Garden. The study of this genus, for which he stipulated, was published in the last report of the garden, shortly before his death.

HERBERT LYON JONES, professor of biology in Oberlin College, died at his father's home in Granville, Ohio, Saturday, August 27, 1898, after an illness lasting for two months. Professor Jones was born in Granville February 11, 1866. He graduated from Denison University in 1886, and followed this with a year of special study at his *alma mater*. His graduate work was taken at Harvard University, where he was highly esteemed in his department. He taught for several years in Radcliffe College, until about a year ago, when he was chosen to the chair in Oberlin. He was a man of sterling character, who worked diligently in his profession and gave promise of an exceedingly useful career.